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Dr. Wells stops in for a visit

Fresh off his gig at the Olympics as resident physiology expert for CTV, Greg Wells came to Sir Sam's Ski Area to shoot a special on the science of athletics for the Discovery Channel. See the full story on page 4. Photo by Terrance Gavan

■ BUDGET TIME

County tax rate set to increase 10%

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

Haliburton County residents will likely be seeing a 10 per cent tax increase this year.

That was the figure batted around by five of the county's eight council mem-

bers at a finance committee meeting on March 10.

The final budget will be reviewed by council at a March 24 meeting where it is expected to be passed.

The increase stems largely from provincial funding the county is losing this year. It will lose \$1.2 million in funds from the Ontario Municipal Partnership

Fund in 2010 and another \$1.2 million in 2011.

"The 2010 county budget process has been a very difficult one," said county treasurer Laura Janke. "The external pressures of losing \$1.2 million of provincial funding have placed a substantial

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ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Jason Boylan was the first resident of Gooderham and student of Fleming College in Peterborough has become a shining example of how a little bit of risk and a lot of faith can change your life.

So much so that he was invited to Queen's Park last week to hear the government's throne speech, which he was specifically mentioned in.

Boylan was the first resident of Ontario to participate in a new initiative called the Second Career program.

After being laid off from his job in the automotive manufacturing sector in Woodstock, where he lived with his wife and young children, Boylan was unsure of where to go next.

"I just said I'm not going back," says

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Haliburton's little Olympic fan

Ivy Tofflemire waves her flag and shows her pride for the Canadian athletes who recently brought home the gold during the winter games. For more photos check out www.toffphoto.com.

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Highlands East agrees to take part in national denim day

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 9 meeting of Highlands East council.

In honour of Mother's Day, the municipality of Highlands East has voted in favour of supporting national denim day on May 11, 2010.

Organized by CURE, a national foundation that provides funding for basic and clinical research of breast cancer, participation in the event includes encouraging businesses, organizations and institutions to wear denim and receive a pink flower in exchange for a suggested \$5 donation to the foundation.

The council voted in favour of supporting the initiative, permitting all municipal employees to wear denim on May 11.

February marks slow month for fire department

Fire chief Bill Wingrove promised council a short and sweet report as February marked a very slow month for the department.

The department received only nine calls for the duration of the entire month. Of those calls, eight were in response to medical assists while one was in response to a motor vehicle collision.

After presenting the report, Wingrove informed council that the first week of March has already kept fire personnel busier than they were for the entire month of February.

Bridge standing on its last legs

Roads superintendent Earl Covert brought a bridge

located on Tall Pines Rd to the attention of council due to its structural issues.

"It's not fairing out very well," said Covert in regard to the structure.

Covert had been advised it would be better to replace the bridge rather than do a major rehabilitation on the structure because of its age.

"I think that's premature at this time," said Covert. "I think it would be better to have a structural engineer assess it."

Council agreed to review the recommendation proposed to Covert at the municipality's next scheduled meeting.

Devolin recovering from detached retina

Local MP Barry Devolin is recovering in Ottawa following unscheduled surgery.

Last Friday, Devolin learned he had a detached retina – a serious problem that could cause permanent loss of vision. After spending the weekend in and out of Ottawa General Hospital, he underwent laser surgery on Sunday morning.

Dr. Leonard of the Ottawa Eye Institute said the surgery went well and time will tell if vision comes back in the affected eye. Dr. Leonard put Devolin on a strict "stay still" plan until his follow-up visit in 10 days.

At this point, Devolin does not know when he will be able to resume his duties in Parliament and the riding.

Provincial funding cuts leads to increase

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burden on the local ratepayers. County council has worked diligently to mitigate this increase and has been looking at each department for substantial savings, while still being able to deliver the necessary services."

The loss of the provincial funding meant the county was looking at a 12 per cent tax increase if it was to maintain the draft budget Janke presented to council in December.

Another five per cent increase came from the county itself due to wage settlements, the HST increase, county broadband contributions and other funding losses, Janke said.

"So in essence we have cut seven per cent from the original proposed budget in December," Janke said.

Councillors have been cognizant of the fact that many residents are still going through tough economic times as a result of the recession and that Haliburton County is not a wealthy area to begin with. This has been a topic of conversation throughout budget talks.

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CONTESTS

Youngdale's Olympics experience

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

For Chris Youngdale it was an experience he will never forget.

The resident of Haliburton recently returned from the Vancouver Olympics where he attended a Canada men's and women's hockey game. The trip wasn't the result of years of planning and budgeting, but instead a stroke of luck thanks to a contest on the Internet Youngdale stumbled across more than a year ago.

"I saw the contest online and thought 'that sounds kind of cool, I should enter that,'" says Youngdale. "I entered about a year ago and then found out in July that I had won."

Youngdale didn't just win a contest, sponsored by dairy conglomerate Saputo, he struck the Canadian sports jackpot. The exact prize included a trip for four

to the Vancouver Olympics, including hotel and flight costs, and tickets to one men's and one women's hockey game. The games, as it turned out, were some of the most memorable of the entire Olympic tournament.

"We were at the women's gold medal game," explains Youngdale who took his wife Candice, son Zac and a family friend with him. "The seats were awesome, we were five rows off the ice and right at the American team's goal line."

For the men's game, again Youngdale says it was anything but disappointing.

"Up until we got there on Monday [the second week of the Olympics] we had no idea who we were going to see play," says Youngdale. "Then when we arrived it had been decided that it was going to be Canada versus Germany. If Canada had pulled their socks up early in the tournament we never would have seen them play."

See them play he did, a mere four rows

up from the ice. Youngdale, who is a signmaker by trade, used his profession and his skills to ensure his friends and family back home wouldn't miss him on television.

"It was two o'clock Sunday morning before we left for the airport when I finally got around to making this sign," says Youngdale as he rolls out a banner that reads "Gold Canada Gold!! Dream Big!! Win Big!! from Haliburton, Ontario."

According to Youngdale the entire experience in Vancouver was indelible. "It's like walking through a sea of red and white Canadian jerseys," says Youngdale. "It was an experience of a lifetime," he says. "There are not a whole lot of words you can use to describe it," he says about the Olympics with a glimmer in his eye. "Just to be a part of it and see it all happen was amazing."

Is it something he will ever forget?
"Never," he is quick to say. "You can't."



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Local resident Chris Youngdale recently partook in an experience of a lifetime thanks to a contest he won which sent him to the Olympics. Photo by Angelica Blenich.

HISTORY

Kosy Korner turns 75, launches book to celebrate

JENN WATT

Editor

A lot can happen in 75 years – especially at the most iconic restaurant in town.

So to celebrate, the Kosy Korner is diving back through its own history to publish a book of stories and photographs from years gone by.

And they're looking for help.

"Anybody with information about the Kosy [should send them in], like stories about how you met your wife here," says owner Janet Tice, who is celebrating 20 years at the helm with her husband Jim.

"We want to get stories before they disappear forever ... about how things developed and how things stayed the same," says Maarten Steinkamp, owner of McKicks Restaurant, who is assisting the Tices with production of the book.

The three came to the idea of producing a book one day while chatting about business. When Steinkamp heard this was a special year for Kosy Korner, he suggested the book.

"I said let's make a celebration and make a book," he says. The idea had already been bouncing around the back of



Kosy Korner owner Janet Tice is celebrating the restaurant's 75th anniversary with a book, tentatively named after the poster hanging on the wall, Fall in Love at the Kosy.

the new restaurateur's head, since McKicks will be celebrating a quarter century as of next year. He offered to finance the project, which will see a book tentatively titled *Fall in Love at the Kosy*, the first of what he hopes will be a series on local businesses' history. Any profits made from the sale will be donated to charity.

Steinkamp and the Tices are quite cozy

themselves; they both say they're friendly neighbours, wishing each other success and helping each other out.

Steinkamp also owns Aniz, a new restaurant next door to the Kosy, in the building that formerly held the Old Country House.

"We don't compete at all. If I run out of something, I'll ask [Janet]: can you help

me with this? That's normal," Steinkamp says. Rumours that the Kosy has sold to become a bar are false, Tice says.

The book will soon have a website, where anyone with a story or memory to share can submit it for consideration.

There are already some stories Tice plans to investigate herself, such as the story of the Gold Dust Twins – sisters who worked at the restaurant, lived together and never married, named Leda and Marie Roberts. One of the sisters now lives at Extendicare, while the other has passed away. The Tices have experienced a lot of the Kosy's history themselves; notably the move from what is now Lisa's Independent Dental Hygiene Clinic to the roomier, brighter current location.

"It's the best thing we've ever done. We're so much busier and now we have a handicapped entrance. It's so good to see people come in in wheelchairs," Tice says.

In 2007, the restaurant won the small business of the year award from the Chamber of Commerce in recognition of its success.

Watch the pages of the Echo over the next couple of weeks for the website address, soon to be announced.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Superbodies star stops by Sir Sam's for filming

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Stunning segments and informative snippets on the human frame at work transformed a University of Toronto researcher and physiology professor into a national television star last February.

Dr. Greg Wells – the face and mind behind *Superbodies*, a series of poignant, popular, and well-constructed sports shorts that CTV ran during their Olympic coverage last month – was at Sir Sam's Ski Area last Tuesday, filming some set pieces and intros for an upcoming hour-long documentary (tentatively also named *Superbodies*) which will air on the Discovery Channel very soon. (Probably by the end of March.)

The hour-long program will offer a compendium of the *Superbodies* shorts that Wells compiled with Canadian Olympic athletes for CTV over the last year.

Wells, (who earned his Ph.D. from the U of T's exercise sciences faculty) is a scientist specializing in extreme human physiology. His work is focused on elite athletes who are trying to achieve international medal performances and on children with chronic diseases. Seems like a mismatch, but they're not mutually exclusive research areas. Wells works with the Canadian Sports Centre as an exercise physiologist and director of sport science. He's also a researcher at Toronto Hospital for Sick Children where he completed a post-doctoral fellowship in respiratory medicine. At present he is focused on exercise intolerance in children, working with chronic diseases such as cystic fibrosis and muscle myopathy.

His work uses traditional exercise testing and advanced magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to help explain pathophysiology, or bodily disturbance, of disease. Interestingly, the research and respiratory testing (including MRIs) dovetails nicely with his high performance respiratory work with elite athletes.

Wells is a former elite swimmer, and has twice completed the world's toughest marathon – 965 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. He also recently completed 10,500 km Tour D'Afrique bike race.

Wells is erudite, engaging, and says he loves teaching. And the fact that he resembles a young Tom Hanks makes him a superb fit for his present dipsy doodle



Dr. Greg Wells, known for his *Superbodies* segments that appeared on television during the Olympics, was on hand at Sir Sam's Ski Area on March 9 to film a show for the Discovery Channel. /Photo by Terrance Gavan

onto the small screen.

His *Superbodies* Olympic segments drew rave reviews, in the main, because of his innate ability to present complicated subjects in an understandable, interesting and enjoyable manner.

He's also very patient. During the course of a full day of filming – the crew filmed until the sun slid slowly over the western fringe of the Kingston Road run at Sir Sam's on Tuesday evening – Wells was asked to repeat the same lines over, and over, and over again, in a seemingly endless succession of takes. One segment alone consisted of 25-plus runs at a single introduction

to an alpine and backcountry skiing segment.

Wells, who said he only had a day to prepare and memorize his lines, took the grueling and painstaking process in stride. At one point he and his producer John Turner had to take a stroll in the woods to entrench the lines and blocking. But that's all part of the gig, and Wells says he loves every minute of it.

He adds that the foray into *Superbodies* has been exciting, presenting an intriguing challenge for an academic used to a more static environment.

"You know what, they're both totally challenging," chuckles Wells, when asked about the grueling day of filming and how it compares to his day job. "I actually love both; one is my life's passion, which is research and science; and this [television] is a fantastic opportunity that's all new; but it's great because it's learning and it's the ultimate teaching environment. Because you get to teach everybody that's watching how great these sports truly are."

He says that he was not surprised at how well the segments were received, because people are intrinsically motivated by the elite athletes' dedication and, well, motivation.

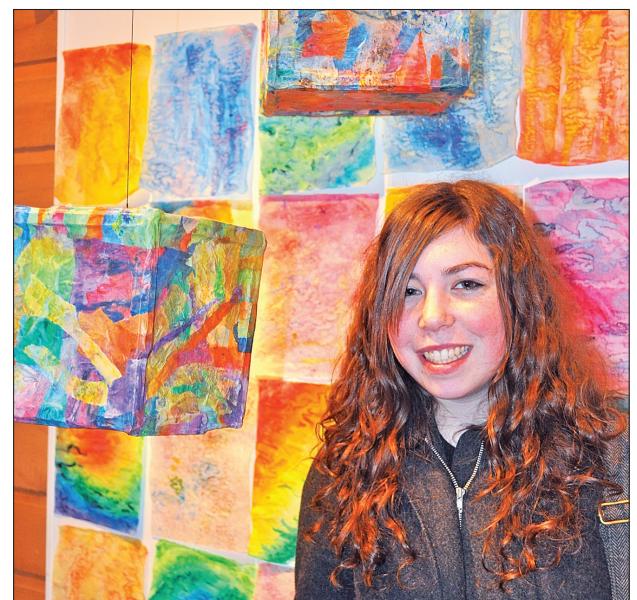
"Everybody really seemed to like the work that we did during the Olympics," says Wells. "It was interesting because it really gave people a window into how the human body works during extreme sports and I think that the Olympic Games is the ultimate place to look at that."

Turner, the director and producer of the segments, says he scouted out Sir Sam's several weeks back while visiting his parents, Jane and Gerry Ide who are Haliburton residents.

He says that he chose Sir Sam's as a locale because it's closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, offering the 10-member film crew lots of latitude and access for recording, and also because it is one of the few areas that still has an abundance of snow cover.

He says that they are fighting the clock on this one because the Discovery channel wants to capitalize on the tremendous success and response to the CTV *Superbodies* segments while there's still some winter left.

"It'll probably be airing soon, by the end of March," says Turner. "We're trying to get it in before spring. People really got into it and we had enormous feedback from it so it made sense to give it its own hour."



they conceptualize and explore their artistic medium.

The artist's progress is at the heart of the exhibit as no finished work is shown by intention. Rather through experiments, concept development and creative risk-taking are students allowed to develop their artistic voices.

The exhibit will be on display at the gallery until March 17.

Nicole Arseneault was just one of many Fleming College students participating in the *Linked* exhibit at Rails End Gallery. Arseneault constructed her pieces with watercolours and created the floating cubes with the help of popsicle sticks.

VISUAL ARTS

New exhibit encourages unfinished work

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Linked, an exhibit featuring pieces constructed by students enrolled in the visual and creative arts diploma program at Haliburton's Fleming College, held its official reception on March 11 at the Rails End Gallery.

The exhibit, which has been ongoing since the end of February, features process-based projects that explore a range of media and personal themes.

According to the exhibit's description, all of the work was produced in a focused and challenging studio atmosphere, a creative laboratory so to speak. The show challenges viewers to journey along with the artist as

■ DYSART COUNCIL BRIEFS

Roads looking at increase from 2009

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The following is a list of council briefs from the March 1 and 8 meetings of Dysart et al council.

A large chunk of any municipal budget is directed to the construction, care and upkeep of its rural roads.

So it's no surprise then, that as spring thaw approaches, and potholes loom deep, dark and unforgiving in a lot of areas of Dysart et al roads superintendent Brian Nicholson was front and centre in the Dysart council chambers March 1.

His roads budget reflects a hefty 5.5 per cent increase over last year's spending, but council was mainly supportive of Nicholson's spending document.

Main planks in Nicholson's budget proposals included \$207,000 for construction on North Kennisis Road from the end of County Road 7 to Watts Road; construction to Watts Road (south end, 3.4 kilometres) estimated at \$220,000; and a project on the north end of Watts Road (2.4 kilometres) estimated at \$136,000. He has also set aside a budget dedicated to slurry sealing in the amount of \$151,000.

Nicholson also proposed capital expenditures in the amount of \$80,000 for a

spray patcher and approximately \$27,000 for a plastic water tank and pump.

Already approved on the budget are a one-ton pickup and sander for \$60,000 and a snow blower for approximately \$85,000.

Arena looking at huge capital expenditures

Parks and recreation manager Ray Misco presented his draft budget proposal to council, and although his estimates represent an increase of approximately \$7,000 over last year's expenditures, there are some rather large capital expenditures looming on the horizon.

Misco listed about \$69,000 in capital expenditures for 2010, but in a letter to council he outlined some major repairs that will need to be undertaken in the near future.

"The arena is over 40 years old and with an aging building, the life expectancy of some of its major components is up," explained Misco.

Included in the tidy list includes floor replacement at \$400,000; arena board replacement, \$140,000; and a list of safety items adding up to another \$38,000.

Misco estimates that total repairs – excluding possible major repairs to roof, electrical, plumbing and other sundry items – currently stands at \$676,000.



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Johnson doing it right

IT'S PRETTY CLEAR that MPP Rick Johnson loves his job. Eighteen months before the next provincial election, Johnson is all over the news – a sign he's ready to defend his brief tenure in a position formerly held by a woman once considered a sure thing.

After a period of relative silence out of his office, Johnson is now everywhere all the time.

First, he celebrates one year in office by speaking directly to the premier about Haliburton County's unpopular tourism regional division between the Ottawa Valley and Muskoka. He even got a pledge that Dalton McGuinty would try to remedy the situation.

Days later, after the throne speech, Johnson was back at it, given the chance to move acceptance of the speech in the legislature.

He took the opportunity to highlight issues from the riding, touching on Kawartha Dairy and Fleming College specifically.

He has also been seen tapping trees with the maple syrup producers' organization and speaking to Wilberforce students about the importance of oratory skill.

This week he is scheduled to entertain the county's kids during March break with a concert at the Dysart library March 18.

There is also the story on this week's front page of McGuinty himself calling Gooderham resident Jason Boylan to invite him to the throne speech. The speech actually mentions Boylan as the first Ontarian to participate in the Second Career program.

That's a lot of exposure in just a couple of weeks.

Meanwhile, on the Tory side of the fence (perhaps we shouldn't use that T word up here anymore) former MPP Laurie Scott's got a fight cut out for her even before the election in 2011.

Other conservatives are popping up all around the riding hoping to dethrone the woman who chose to give up her seat to allow the party's leader a chance to win one.

Once an extremely popular politician, Scott must claw her way out of the pit that was formed when she resigned. Many still harbour resentment toward her personally for that move.

Meanwhile, Johnson finds himself truly the incumbent. Yes, he also is technically the incumbent, but in his one year of office he has also managed to cement his image in the minds of Haliburtonians as the leader of this riding.

It is now common to hear people speaking positively of his role in Haliburton. There are even long-time Conservatives saying they'll give him their vote next election.

Of course, the race hasn't even begun, but at least one candidate is mid-way through his warm up routine.



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Cutting edge art

Photo by Angelica Blenich

Going the extra mile

IT'S TAKEN ME 36 years, but I think I finally know what's keeping the villages of Haliburton and Minden from truly embracing one another. Anyone who's lived in the area long enough knows there's this irrational disdain between the two towns.

Haliburton and Minden get along like a newly divorced couple at a mutual friend's wedding. They remain cordial but, on certain levels, want nothing more than to scratch the other's eyes out. Part of it's a pride thing, part of it's something akin to the Hatfields versus the McCoys, minus (most of) the moonshine and the requisite weaponry. Those who know the area well enough realize I'm not joking.

It's always puzzled me why the locals in both towns are so adamant about holding these petty little scrums. You think anyone beyond these walls knows or cares which town has the most park benches? We're all – collectively – small potatoes in the smallest of ways and we're much stronger together than we are as burbs and municipalities and concessions (although convincing the electorate of that is like trying to sell snow-shoes to a Samoan).

Interestingly, I think I've finally figured out what's keeping us apart. Simply put, we don't know how close we are, as in the actual physical distance between us – as in a precise mileage



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Thinking small

count. The next time you're driving from one town to the other you'll discover exactly what I mean.

Pick one of the towns and head down old Highway 121 (I refuse to call it County Road 21; that's my OWN civil war) towards the other and look for the first sign declaring the distance between them. You will notice it's 24 kilometres from Haliburton to Minden and, interestingly, it's also 24 kilometres from Minden to Haliburton. Seems logical.

Logical that is, until you reach the intersection just outside of Ingoldsby (roughly in the middle). Turning onto County Road 21 Highway 121 if you go north to Haliburton it's 16 km and if you go south towards Minden, it's 10 km. Now I've never been considered much of a math wiz but, by my rudimentary calculations, that totals 26 kms between the two villages. Why the extra two

kms? What the..?

This mileage discrepancy leads me to some very telling conclusions:

1. Haliburton County has its very own time vortex. Somehow there's a greater virtual distance going one way than there is going another. Why isn't the Chamber of Commerce promoting this as a tourist attraction?

2. Employment standards at the MTO are appalling.

3. Ingoldsby it to blame for keeping us apart.

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French Impressionism

HURRY," my wife said, I suspect without thinking.

"Silence!" I hissed. "I need to concentrate."

Who could blame me? After all, she was the one who first saw a raw talent in me that I did not even see in myself. She was the one who had asked me to cut French fries for dinner.

But hurry? The word was not in my vocabulary.

This was akin to asking Michelangelo to rush his brush strokes at the Sistine Chapel. Perhaps it was even more ludicrous. After all, truly great French fries are no accident and there I was in the midst of a particularly complex, longitudinal cut.

I'm happy to say that, despite the distraction, one last deft slice freed yet another raw French fry from its potatoey prison. I then carved away imperfections until, a mere three minutes later, a fry worthy of boiling oil was born.

Not to overstate things, but it was incredibly beautiful – perfect in both form and function. That fry, like the two others that had preceded it, was aerodynamic and properly proportioned. Moreover, its thoughtful design was fork-friendly and its surface area was conducive to just the right amount of ketchup and/or gravy.

"Excellent," I muttered, as I carefully placed it in the finished pile. Then, though nearly mentally and physically exhausted, I began work on the next custom-made French fry.

"Don't you think you are taking this French fry making a little too seriously?" she asked.

More than a bit surprised, I removed the jeweler's loop from my eye and turned to her.

"No," I answered. "Why do you ask?"

She shook her head and then continued making her hamburger patties, which though technically sound, lacked artistry and soul. Meanwhile, I studied the grain of the potato before me and tried to visualize where the next French fry would come from.

"Become one with the potato," I whispered. "Become one."

As most husbands know, hand-cutting fries is a complex creative process – a lost art even. It's just man and blade against round inanimate object. Anything can happen.

I won't go on about the incredible visionary thinking that led to the creation of that next fry. Suffice it to say, it was classic Galea – ergonomically correct, visually stunning and aesthetically pleasing. And yet it also seemed to possess that intangible quality that separates a masterpiece from art that is merely great. Yes, that French fry made you think.

Some who understand the art form have called it my high water mark as a potato sculptor. True, I eventually created a series of incredibly ornate French fries – no two of which were exactly alike. This did not diminish the significance of that singularly wondrous fry, however.

Obviously, it would be in bad taste to say that our guests were absolutely overwhelmed, and perhaps even brought to tears by the quality and abject artistry of that and the fries that adorned their plates. And yet they were.

At one point, after I completed a brief but eagerly anticipated dissertation regarding the artistic merit of it, the entire table was moved so completely that, after seconds of silence, someone found the courage to utter, "Please pass the coleslaw."

As I said, I'm don't want to make a big deal about it – no matter how culturally or historically significant the event was. But I do think it's fair to point out that the great French fry sculptors – and you know who they are – are rarely appreciated in our time.

Why? I suppose because some of us make it look easy. But I would suggest that this perception is misleading. When it comes to extracting French fries from potatoes, let's just say there's more to it than meets the eye.

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pic of the past

The Kosy Korner is celebrating its 75 year anniversary in business. This photo hangs on their wall but all the people are unidentified. They are looking for names of these past patrons. Contact the *Echo* with any names. They are also looking for your memories of the eatery. See page 3 for details.

letters to the editor

Bob would be very proud, thank you

To the Editor,

My heartfelt thanks to the following people in regards to renaming the Gooderham Community Centre after my father Robert (Bob) McCausland: Donna Graham for her efforts in making it all happen, all of the people who were in support of the proposal, Highlands East council for accept-

ing Donna's proposal, Angelica Blenich for the lovely article she wrote in the *Echo*, and last but not least Elva Bates for her letter of support sent to the editor in last week's paper. It is indeed an honour and he would be very proud.

Robin Graham (nee McCausland)
Gooderham

Another reader has seen wolves too

To the Editor,

Short, to the point. On Monday, Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m. I was sitting at my dining room window at home in Haliburton Lake.

Two snowmobilers came down the lake on the trail, as they approached the channel, I watched as a large wolf ran out from the island and chased them up the trail out of my sight (all were going quite fast).

The next 20 minutes I watched as it ran back and forth on the trail. The next week I witnessed daily as two ran and lay about on the open trail.

Three months ago, at 6 a.m., I let my two large

dogs out and waited for them at the door. Fifteen feet in front of me a large wolf appeared, crouched down on its haunches. As it approached my dogs within 20 feet I opened the door and took it by surprise.

We do not feed deer (neither do our neighbours), hunt, want pelts, leave food lying around, nor are we loggers. Kim Roberts was right on (both times) with her letters and I don't think she has her head in the sand.

Lynn Kay
Fort Irwin

MAPLE SYRUP

Local sugar shacks feeling heat of early spring

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

This just in from the gospel according to Environment Canada.

"This I sayeth unto ye: One man's perfect day is another man's disaster."

Ah, the blasted weather; even when it's good, it's bad for someone.

So last week's glorious stretch of sun and double digit highs gave rise to Bermuda shorts, mountain bikes, Ray-Bans, seven-irons, and the sudden, vaguely eerie, and ear-shattering appearance of spring's first tandem of Harley Davidson soft tails on a sun-soaked stretch of Hwy 118 just west of Haliburton.

The tandem Harleys "braapped" past the wood-fueled and smoke-billowed sugar shack located in the back acreage behind Maple Moon and Moon Shadow Estates winery on Hwy 118.

Working hard, stoking the wood stove beneath the chrome maple syrup evaporator unit, are the two principals behind the Maple Moon operation, the husband and wife tandem of Eric and Carol Thompson.

The sap season started early this year, says Eric, spurred on by the unusual appearance of a chinook-like ridge emanating from the southern United States.

And of course both Eric and Carol know only too well that this unseasonably warm stretch might have some



Eric and Carol Thompson who operate the Maple Moon shop on Hwy 118 just west of Haliburton stoke the wood stove underneath the large chrome evaporator in the sugar shack. /Photos by Terrance Gavan

disastrous effects on the annual maple sugar harvest.

Carol says that this year's harvest started approximately two weeks early and she adds that while initial temperatures were cooperating, a recent spate of above zero nights that began last Thursday is wreaking havoc with the sap flow on their 1,500 tap, 43 acre operation.

Eric says that optimum temperature range for a bumper season rests with an average nighttime low of about -5 degrees Celsius and a daily high of about 5 C over an extended period of several weeks.

"We started out OK with some nice nighttime temperatures but this week [Thursday, Friday, and Saturday]

means there's not much flowing into the holding tanks," says Eric.

Another maple producer Len Salvatori said that on Wednesday and Thursday the sap flow on his acreage had almost stopped because of the unseasonably warm nighttime temperatures.

The maple harvesters have a very small window of opportunity – about a six-week season – and they're very busy tending to all facets of the operation. Eric says that a disappointing start does not always spell

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Warm nighttime temps wreaking havoc

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disaster, but he and Carol, like a lot of maple producers in Ontario and Quebec, are keeping a close eye on the Enviro-Canada webpage, hoping that things will turn around within the next week or two.

Eric says that over the past seven to eight years there has been one really great harvest, one disastrous year and several so-so seasons.

A typical day will see Eric out on the acreage at 8:30 a.m. hauling a small gas pump to several chrome holding tanks on the back acreage. He carries the pump and a small gas can through the well-worn paths on the maple ridge. The couple bought a four wheeler last year, but with the abundance of snow in the Highlands this year, a trip down the tenuous trail even on a small all-terrain vehicle is a non-starter.

"We bought the ATV last year, but we don't have many kilometres on it," chuckles Eric. Just another cruel irony delivered courtesy of Mother Nature. The Harleys may be out on the pavement but the snow is still deep in the

backwoods.

So Eric walks, with the heavy pump in hand, trying hard to stay on the packed part of the path, because any misstep is greeted with a thigh-high sink into the melting snow.

Once he's finished pumping out the holding tanks, he makes his way back to the sugar shack.

His day is just beginning. Just past noon, both Carol and Eric get to work on the woodpile, stoking the stove underneath the evaporator preparing for another six to eight hours – depending on how the sap is flowing – boiling down the sap, changing filters and replenishing the wood supply.

Eric says that the early season caught a lot of producers by surprise.

"Normally we don't start tapping until around the March break, and we were busy replacing lines and tapping when the weather changed and we had to start collecting [the sap]," explains Eric.

Eric and Carol have been looking at the long range forecast and there's some possibility that temperatures will level out within the next week or so. They're hoping.



No more buckets grace the trees of the modern maple syrup harvester. Instead the trees are connected by an intricate array of hoses which are gravity fed into a series of holding tanks. From the holding tanks the sap is pumped via a miniature pump back up to the sugar shack.

"I've seen this weather turn around in the past," says Eric.

At the same time Eric – a former school teacher who embarked upon this maple syrup foray about a decade ago – says that working in the bush has given him a new respect for all of the people and farmers who bank their livelihoods upon

the fickle whims of Mother Nature.

"It's funny, because over the last week, we keep hearing about how beautiful the weather is and people around town saying they wish it could last," smiles Eric.

But as Eric and Carol can both readily attest: Beauty rests, delicately balanced and nuanced, in the eye of the beholder.

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Haliburton COUNTY news

■ POLITICS

MPP Johnson moves throne speech in legislature

JENN WATT

Editor

Just one year into his term as Liberal MPP for this riding, Rick Johnson was asked by his party to move acceptance of the Ontario throne speech in the legislature last week.

Though his step is mostly a formality, Johnson said being asked by his party to make the motion and create a speech about the state of the government today was "a thrill."

"It's a big deal – very cool," Johnson said in an interview with the *Echo*.

His speech was essentially an overview of Liberal successes over the years, while touting the positive changes to come as outlined in the throne speech, which was delivered Monday by the Lieutenant Governor David Onley.

And though he was heckled by members of the opposition, Johnson is still firm on his government's plan.

"I think there are a lot of good things in the throne speech that will be encouraging for Ontarians moving forward," Johnson said.

"In question period [March 9] there were a lot of questions about where is the budget deficit? Well, that's the budget that comes out in three weeks and we'll deal with that."

Unlike the tone coming from the federal government, centring on financial restraint and departmental freezes, the provincial game plan (though not yet tied to budgetary numbers) was about big ideas such as education, health care and technology.

"One of the things they talked about in the throne speech was the ability to provide online university courses, which will be great for people in rural Ontario. If you can sign up to take a course and the professor is going to be lecturing online and you don't have to go through that added expense of locating to a college and so many people realize the value of postsecondary education there's going to be huge demand for that," Johnson said.

In his speech to the legislature Tuesday, Johnson specifically mentioned Haliburton's Fleming College and its

success using technology to connect students with education.

"In Fleming College in Haliburton this past year," Johnson told the legislature, "with the Ontario Online Institute, we have done a lot of work so that students can take courses in rural areas. The Ontario Online Institute, which was talked about in ... [the] throne speech, will allow more of our rural students to attend schools online and will be a great thing for rural Ontario. I'm very pleased to see that come forward."

In his interview with the *Echo*, Johnson said he hopes his government's push to fully connect this area to high speed Internet and create an "open university" that will allow anyone to take university courses using the Internet, could stop some of the youth from leaving the riding.

"One of the things they talked about in the throne speech was the ability to provide online university courses, which will be great for people in rural Ontario. If you can sign up to take a course and the professor is going to be lecturing online and you don't have to go through that added expense of locating to a college and so many people realize the value of postsecondary education there's going to be huge demand for that," he said.

On health care, Johnson said his party is planning consultations with Ontarians about how to rein in the swelling deficits.

"[Health care has] gone from 20 per cent of the provincial budget to 42 per cent and if it keeps going the way it is it will hit 70 per cent of the provincial budget and it will handicap future governments' ability to provide other services like highways and natural resources, education, so I'm pleased there's going to be a conversation about health care and it will be a very public conversation," he said.

Other riding-specific issues raised by Johnson in the legislature included the benefits of infrastructure money on the Haliburton and Minden libraries and the expansion of Kawartha Dairy Company.



Hometown spirit

Nancy and Corey Walker, left and centre, parents of Minden curling star Jake Walker, received a special gift before they headed off to watch Jake compete in the World Junior Curling Championships in Switzerland this week. Linda Schrader, right, along with Helen Burk took this flag around the county and in just four days had it signed by more than 540 people. Schrader said she figured Jake could use some hometown support as he competed at the global level. Jake skipped Team Ontario to a gold medal finish at the Canadian juniors' championship last month./Photo by Chad Ingram

■ FUNDING NEEDED

Haliburton needs help with children's Waterfest

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

Board, which encompasses Haliburton County, Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

However, the county is the only municipality that helps fund the event, to the tune of \$5,000 a year.

"It's not fair," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said last week, adding that Haliburton County is the poorest of the three municipalities.

Fearrey had expressed his concern over the lack of financial support at another meeting earlier this year.

Fearrey and other councillors expressed how well run and important they think the event is and the county has no plans to remove its \$5,000 in funding from this year's budget.

The county plans to make it clear to Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes that it wants some help funding the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival.

Councillors decided at a meeting on March 10 that letters should be sent to both municipalities requesting funding assistance.

The popular educational event is held each fall in the county and sees between 300 and 400 children attend each day.

The children are mostly students from the Trillium Lakelands District School

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

To speak or not to speak – that's some question

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Art Linkletter was able to churn a career from the mouths of babes.

Linkletter's *Kids Say the Darndest Things* shows, which ran for 20 years on CBS, were prized for their refreshing peek into a child's natural optimism and humorous take on just about everything.

No dummy, Linkletter – born in Moose Jaw, Sask. – knew that there was gold to be mined from a child's eye view on the world. Maybe it was a small town Canadian upbringing that gave Linkletter the insight to run with a program idea that offered a rare glimpse into a child's perspective on the topics of the day; unabashed, unfiltered and unusual.

Last Thursday, the kids from Wilberforce Elementary School proved the efficacy of Linkletter's highly successful premise at their annual public speaking competition held at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Kids do say some insightful and funny things and a few of the budding young orators had their peers, parents, families and friends rolling in the aisles or moved almost to tears with some poignant and well-developed stories of triumph, inspiration, calico cats, lovable dogs and Olympic dreams.

Special guest at the annual event this year was Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson.

It was Johnson's job to get things rolling and to take



MPP Rick Johnson tells a group of Wilberforce students gathered at the annual public speaking extravaganza that public speaking is one of the scariest things you can do.

the edge off the bubbling butterflies, which inevitably accompany any foray into public speaking. The former school board chair, and one-half of a husband and wife team who have a number of kids' song albums on a long list of musical credits, reverted to his pre-Queen's Park roots and assured the kids that the jangling nerves

were inevitable and just part of the process.

"Public speaking, they say, is one of the scariest things that you can do," said Johnson to the gathered throng of students sitting on the floor in front of the Lloyd Watson stage.

The kids all nodded and they glanced slightly backward toward the rather intimidating table of judges – made up of Wilberforce town officials and local celebrities – pens and official judging documents at the ready.

"When I first got to Queen's Park last year, I took my seat and a gentleman came up to me and said, 'when this person is finished speaking, you have to do two minutes,' and [he handed me a document] and I had five minutes to prepare to speak on the topic for two minutes," Johnson said. "And that's very disconcerting when you first stand up and talk ... but I did it, and I was terrified the first time."

And then Johnson told them that his wife (Terri) for the next two weeks would surprise him constantly asking him out of the blue to do "two minutes" on a wide range of whimsical topics.

"The most important thing I found is to tell your story," said Johnson. "Be informed ... and the first rule is to always make sure that your fly's up before getting to the stage."

The kids took the advice to heart and through a rollicking two hours we heard some funny stories about

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Greg Roe
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Wilberforce kids riff on wide range of topics

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cats, dogs, frogs and menageries. We heard about the Olympic dreams, and kids who had been inspired by individual and team performances.

One girl brought the "real great one" Bobby Orr into the mix, telling her peers how she was so inspired by the women's hockey team that she now dreams of wearing Orr's number 4 while roaming the blue line with Canadian national team at the 2018 Olympics.

Another young speaker outlined the trials and tribulations of growing up with a meddlesome sister, who nevertheless turns out to be his best friend. And we heard a poignant treatise on earthquakes and the devastation they can cause with current examples drawn from the headlines.

Young Taylor Davies came dressed in a cotton nightie and curlers in her hair and delivered a hilarious treatise on the recuperative powers of a good night's sleep.

The most poignant speech of the day, however, was delivered by a very special young lady, with a smile that reached out to every nook, corner and cranny of the Lloyd Watson hall.

Susie Cachia got up and told her story, a story that went back to her premature birth and the long years of recovery and struggle. She went through her history of hearing and speech difficulties and how with the help of her family, brother, and her friends at the Wilberforce School she is now able to move forward with a frank optimism and untrammelled vibrancy of spirit.

She spoke with wisdom, poignancy and an under-



Young Susie Cachia talks about her life, her struggles and the importance of family and friends. Photos by Terrance Gavan.

standing that belies her years.

An old soul talking about the wonderful healing powers of family, friends and community.

And the smile as Susie finished told us all why these



Taylor Davies was dressed appropriately for her treatise on the healing power of sleep. And ironically, not a single yawn present during her hilarious presentation.

speaking engagements are so important.

Because they speak to us of the resiliency of youth; and they also remind us of Linkletter's intuitive maxim; kids do say the darndest things.



The Rotary Club of Haliburton's 24th annual Charity Auction was held on February 27 at the Haliburton Curling Club. Over \$12,000 was raised for community projects!

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■ PREDATORS

Dysart seeks end to wolf-hunting moratorium

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

If you're a wolf or coyote trying to feed a family and eke out a meagre living in the vicinity of Dysart et al municipality, you might want to put your pro-life lobbyist on speed dial.

Two representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources appeared at council last Monday for a formal presentation on the wolf and coyote situation.

It would appear that the measured

demonstration did little to quell fears surrounding wolves in the municipality.

Dysart et al council passed a resolution – shortly after the MNR speech – calling for an increase in the bag limit (from two to four) for wolves and coyotes and a cessation to the no-hunting moratorium currently in place for municipalities adjoining the perimeters of Algonquin Park. Algonquin is a provincial enclave where hunting of wolves and coyotes is strictly forbidden.

The resolution passed by council is in the form a letter addressed to the Minis-

try of Natural Resources requesting that the changes be considered.

So things are definitely heating up in Dysart, regarding a rather touchy situation engendered by recent ratepayer complaints about the increasing presence of eastern wolves and coyotes in the area.

Some ratepayers brought their concerns to Reeve Murray Fearrey in February and Fearrey vowed to call in some reinforcements from the MNR to address the issue.

There are concerns, especially in the area of Fort Irwin, Haliburton Lake and Percy Lake that the wolf and coyote issue is becoming dangerous to loggers, residents and pets.

Some residents are blaming an overabundance of the eastern wolf and coyote population on the moratorium in lands abutting Algonquin Park. They maintain that eastern wolves especially are becoming more belligerent, and are stretching their territory out from the park and into many of the surrounding jurisdictions.

MNR Minden area biologist Gerry Moraal appeared with fellow biologist Colin Higgins at the meeting to address concerns.

Moraal's concise, reasoned and comprehensive PowerPoint presentation took council – and some interested ratepayers in attendance – through the evolution of the eastern coyote and eastern wolf species from the 1850s to the present day.

Among other things, Moraal said that the eastern species is a hybrid of earlier interbreeding between eastern wolves and the western coyotes.

He did say that it's pretty easy to tell the two apart, because the eastern wolves are naturally larger than their coyote cousins.

Keith Hodgson is a logger who says he has seen an upswing in the wolf popu-

lation over the last five years especially. In a February interview with the *Echo*, Hodgson said that it is precisely this hybridization which concerns him.

Moraal said that the eastern wolf is a relatively new species, and that its ties to the eastern coyote population are now inextricably linked by DNA. Whether they are any more aggressive is a tough call, said Moraal. He said it's hard to assess behavioural traits based on anecdotal stories.

He went on to say that eastern wolves and coyotes are important links in the predator food chain, keeping tabs on local deer, rodent, geese, rabbits and other possibly problematic populations.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis asked Moraal about a quasi-bounty on the critters instituted by Prince Edward County. Moraal told Davis that bounties have been illegal since 1972 and the program instituted by Prince Edward County is based on a paradigm that uses professional hunters to keep tabs on nuisance wolves or coyotes.

"Evidence shows that bounties are not successful," Moraal told Davis. But he did explain that the MNR can authorize some counties or municipalities to enlist the help of professional hunters.

After the presentation Davis said that he was unhappy with the MNR's general demeanor and lack of accountability. Higgins told Davis that people were referred to the OPP in cases concerning property infringement, threatened livestock or personal safety.

Moraal said that people could lessen wolf interaction by undertaking some common sense precautions. People who do not want to attract predators should never begin feeding deer on their property.

He said that providing the wolves with a static buffet dinner on an ongoing basis is going to cause problems and draw wolves and other predators.

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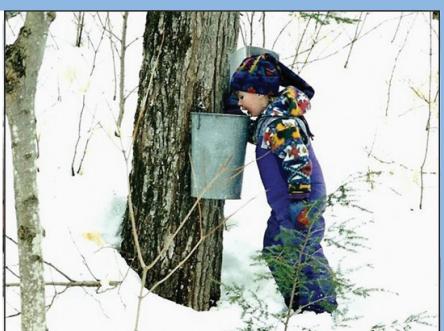
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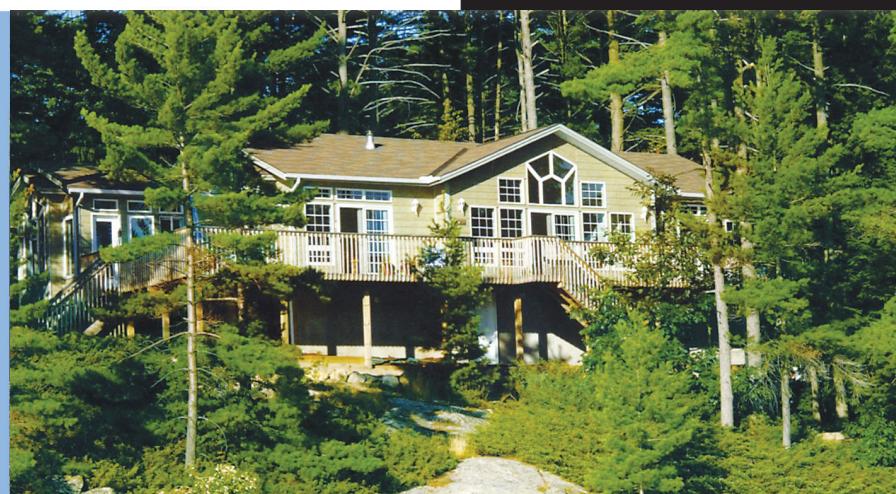
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POLITICS

Premier looking into tourism split

JENN WATT

Editor

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is looking into the unpopular division of Haliburton County into two tourism regions after MPP Rick Johnson brought the issue to his attention this month.

In December, it was announced that the county would be broken into two for the sake of a province-wide marketing strategy; Algonquin Highlands was placed with the Muskoka tourism office, while the rest of the county is with the Ottawa Valley.

The tourism sector and municipal politicians have been vocal in their displeasure over this divide, which breaks up a cohesive unit that has already been marketing itself as one.

"[McGuinty] said he would look into it and see what he could do. He promised to look into it," Johnson said to the *Echo* in an interview.

The chance to talk directly to the premier about the issue came when McGuinty gave Johnson a phone call, congratulating him on one year served as MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

According to Johnson, McGuinty asked specifically about what the issues of this riding were.

"I explained to the premier what the problems are and concerns of the region being cut up," Johnson said. "[Haliburton County] is in two regions, which is problematic," he said.

For his part, Johnson thinks the county would be best served if it was one unit. Citing the Haliburton Highlands Senior Games and the Haliburton Highlands Summer Festival, Johnson said he appreciated all of the work that has gone into creating a brand for the county, which isn't helped by the split.

He reiterated that the Ministry of Tourism made its decisions on the regions based on what it perceived as a consensus between this county and the Ottawa Valley, backed up by a letter sent by the Ottawa Valley tourism office, which listed Haliburton as one of the senders.

Splitting Algonquin Highlands from the rest of the region came about based on travel patterns and the route Highway 60 takes through the area, connecting it to Muskoka.

Economic development director for the county, Bob Smith, has said the county's preference has always been to be grouped with Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes and that while Haliburton is listed on that letter, nothing was signed.

Johnson said that at no time has Smith contacted him and they have never spoken about the tourism regions, even after the controversy arose.

He has, however, spoken regularly with Warden Dave Burton on the subject. He said he is hopeful that a remedy can be found for the splitting issue. "I've heard [McGuinty's] staffer is looking into it and hopefully we can get it straightened out," he said.

ANGELICA BLENICH/Echo



Cory Bennett puts her hands up for an upcoming fundraiser titled Taste n' Talents of the Highlands, with proceeds going directly towards helping Haiti. Bennett, who is the campaign chair of A Hand Up For Haiti event, helped organize the benefit, which will highlight the delicious flavours of some of the county's best restaurants.

POLITICS

County to give Haiti a hand up with fundraiser at ski hill

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Food and fundraising often go hand in hand and the Highlands is no exception.

In response to the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti back in January, residents of Eagle Lake have come together in a remarkably short period of time to organize a fundraiser called A Hand up for Haiti from the Highlands.

The evening, titled Taste 'n' Talents of the Highlands, will take place at Sir Sam's resort on March 27 and will feature delicacies from some of the county's most well-known culinary spots, as well as art created by the community and a variety of auction items up for grabs.

Cory Bennett, a registered nurse and the campaign chair of the event, says putting together an event like this in such a short period of time was a no brainer.

"I just decided about three-and-a-half weeks ago to pull this off and assembled a committee and here we are," says Bennett, who has extensive experience in organizing fundraisers.

All proceeds from the benefit will go directly to the Haitian people by supporting the medical relief efforts of Doctors Without Borders. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to providing international medical relief to those in need.

"Doctors Without Borders is a charity that has been around for 35 years and they believe health care is a right," explains Bennett. "They provide their services without a political agenda."

In order to spearhead this campaign and pull it off in a timely manner, Bennett chose an approach she believes always works.

"What I believe in doing is that you find the busiest people you know and that's who you ask to help you because they know how to get things done," says Bennett.

And get things done they have. The committee has put together an event aimed at showcasing a live and silent auction of contributions from artists, community services and businesses throughout the county. And true to its name, it will also feature some of the county's most delectable flavours. Restaurants confirmed for the event include McKeeks, Grill on the Gull, Bonnie View Inn, Sir Sam's Inn, Domain of Killien, Wild Orchid, Rhubarb, That Place in Carnarvon and Village Café.

The fundraiser will also aim at highlighting art created by the talent located right in the Highlands.

"There's no point in bringing art up from Toronto or Muskoka when we have such amazing artists in our own backyard," says Bennett. "The art community here is also extremely generous."

The committee has set a lofty goal of raising \$40,000 from the event, but ultimately Bennett is hoping to contribute more than just money.

"Ultimately I am going to go down myself," she says. "I'm working on going to Haiti to help with the relief effort."

Tickets for the event are \$20 and can be purchased at Sir Sam's resort and Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton and at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.



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FIELD NATURALISTS

A naturalist in The Gambia

Land of rollers, bee-eaters and walking fish

The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists club welcomes all to enjoy their next program on Wednesday, March 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Fish Hatchery.

A Naturalist In The Gambia: Land of rollers, bee-eaters and walking fish, will be presented by husband and wife Martin and Kathy Parker.

The Gambia is a small country on the west coast of Africa and has developed into a destination for Europeans looking for sun and surf. The country has also developed an extensive eco-tourism sector primarily based on bird watching.

Although not familiar to most North Americans, initially it played an important role in the novel and mini-series *Roots* by Alex Haley, since it was the home of his ancestor Kunta Kinte, who was brought to America as a slave.

Birding in The Gambia consists of African specialties and migrants from Europe. It offers European migrants the first extensive areas of forests, savannah and wetlands south of the Western Sahara Desert. It is also at the northern limit of the Africa biozone.

Specialties include rollers, bee-eaters, sunbirds – Old World families of birds which are not present in the Americas.

Along with the birds there are many other aspects of natural history including fish that walk, termite towers and



A northern carmine bee-eater sits perched on a branch near Wassu in The Gambia.

honey bees who come to breakfast and take back their honey.

Martin and Kathy also experienced some of the local culture during their two trips to The Gambia.

In their illustrated presentation they will provide an introduction to The Gambia and its birds along with some of the other attractions of the country.

The Fish Hatchery is located at 6712 Gelert Rd (County Rd 1) just south of Haliburton village. Field Naturalists' memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door, or visitors may donate a toonie.

Please call Pamela at 457-4767 for more information.

Martin and Kathy Parker stand at their accommodations at Camp Tendab in The Gambia where they were there studying the birds in that country. Among the most interesting are the Old World species: rollers, bee-eaters, sunbirds. Photos submitted.

Inspection

Public Notice Approved 2010-2011 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft Minden Forest

Public Inspection of Annual Work Schedule

The Bancroft District of the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources** (MNR) has approved the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. 2010-2011 annual work schedule (AWS) for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Bancroft District office, the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office and the Ministry of Natural Resources public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 15, 2010.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction and maintenance, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur on the Bancroft Minden Forest between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has reviewed the AWS to ensure that activities are consistent with the approved Forest Management Plan.

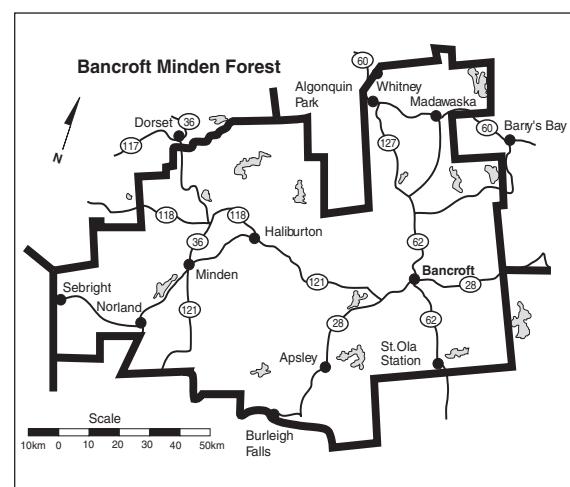
The following are some of the operations that are scheduled on the Bancroft Minden Forest:

- 270 ha of tree planting
- 8416 ha of regular planned harvest and 923 ha of salvage harvest
- 3.6 km of new operational road construction and 46 km of planned road decommissioning

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft Minden Forest. Please contact the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations of and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Bancroft District office. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc.



More Information

The approved AWS and any subsequent revisions will remain available for public inspection throughout the one-year duration of the AWS. For more information on the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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ATOM AE



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#3 Trevor Turner, winger



#4 Alex Wilbee, winger



#6 Owen Smith, winger



#8 Jacob Haedicke, defence



#10 Greg Crofts, centre



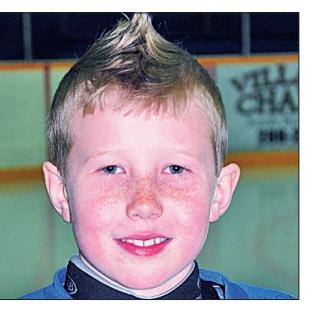
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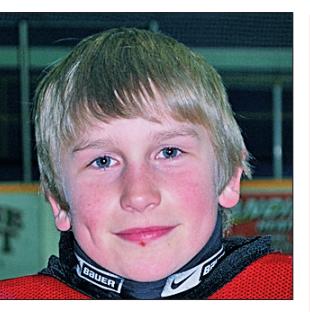
#14 Ryan Prentice, defence



#15 Jake Bull, centre



#17 Devyn Prentice, defence



#33 Anthony Bertucca, goalie

Congratulations to both the A and AE teams of the Highland Storm who advance to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs! We're all proud of you!

Photos by Chad Ingram

ATOM A



#1 Josh Bellefleur, goalie



#4 Andrew Hall, right defence



#5 Josh Boice, left defence



#6 Owen "Smitty" Smith, right wing



#8 Max McNaull, left defence



#10 Chris Thompson, left wing



#11 Ethan Keefer, right defence



#12 Nolan Flood, right wing



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ATOM AE

Storm split first playoff series with Jets

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Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE

The Highland Storm Atom AEs arrived in London along with high winds and rain to start their playoff series with Ilderton on Saturday, March 13.

The first game was at Ilderton arena at 7 p.m., the same one Moir and Virtue practised at. OMHA finalist are to have meet and greets with the visiting team and supply them with a meal, ours was pre-game, and it was nice to meet our friendly opponents.

We enjoyed a meal of pizza, fresh fruits, veggies, dips and meatballs. All the boys received a gift bag with assorted goodies and with each game played they supplied a cooler full of Gatorade.

Difficult to have such nice opponents. They also made sure we were OK at our hotel and did not need anything. We will return the favour this weekend when



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they come to Minden, our meet and greet will be after the game because of the time.

The Ilderton Jets are a team exactly like ours, 10 players, mostly first-year Atoms and a goalie.

The first game went well with the Storm grounding the Jets with a win of 5-3. Two goals apiece going to Greg Crofts and Owen Smith, and one to Jake Bull. Assists going to Trevor Turner, Alex Wilbee, Owen Smith, Carter O'Neill, Jack Dobie and Devyn Prentice. With great support and playing from Jacob Haedicke, Ryan

Prentice and our goalie Anthony Bertucca.

The next game Sunday at 1:30 p.m. proved our boys were suffering from "jet lag" (I know, please don't groan at the play on words). Even though the win went to the Jets and our boys just weren't playing with the same gusto the score was only 1-0.

Our next games are at home Saturday, March 20 in Minden at 5:30 p.m. and the Sunday in Haliburton at 12:30 p.m. Please come out and show these boys some hometown support next weekend.

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RACING

Iditarod proves to be a rough and rude ride

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The measure of a man lies not with the blind determination to succeed at all costs, but in his ability to discern the meaning of success.

Hank DeBruin is a man on a mission, but as we are finding out, his mission will never supersede the measured perspective he brings to the task. Sometimes a race is won not on the stage, but in the mind. This is, after all, the Iditarod.

Hank DeBruin, Haliburton's own iron man of the titanium sled, is running next to last, and he is taking care of business in the only way he knows. He's running on line and on time with a schedule that he set out at the beginning of the race.

He's at the Ruby checkpoint, mile 466 in the grueling 908 mile Iditarod. So DeBruin and his team are halfway home to Nome.

According to DeBruin's wife, Tanya McCready - who with DeBruin runs Winterdance Dogsled Tours here in Haliburton and has been keeping friends back in Haliburton and across the world up to date with her Facebook updates - some of the dogs were feeling the strain.

It's been a really tough first week of racing, heavy snow, drifting and wild -40 C wind chills. It's taken a toll on the

field with 13 teams already out of the race.

McCready was a little worried and decided to hop a plane to McGrath just to see how things were going. She found DeBruin bent over one of the dogs with a vet during his 24 hour mandatory break.

"He looked at me, looked around and said 'how did you get

here?'" writes McCready. "He was in the process of dropping Saphire, Ebony and Strider. All are fine, Ebony was just not wanting to go anymore ... Saph had a sore wrist and Strider [seemed] pretty happy, but the vets thought he had a sore stomach, which is bad for a distance dog so he went home too."

She was particularly moved when she learned why DeBruin had been so long on the trail coming into McGrath. DeBruin had been taking care of the dogs. Making sure they were comfortable and making sure that Ebony especially was nursed along the trail.

"Coming into McGrath he had all three dogs [Saph, Strider and Ebony] in and

out of the sled," says McCready. "[He] put two in, then he'd take one out; and put another in ... that's why it took him so long."

She said that DeBruin was happy with the decision to send all three back to Anchorage. "Hank pulled out on schedule

in great spirits on a lovely day," said McCready.

"When he called the dogs off their straw they went

nuts, howling, barking looking excited to go.

She adds that Hank may be running near the back of the pack, but maintains that he's still on a pace that is consistent with his pre-race planning.

"Hank was told it isn't that he is that slow, it is just that the race is fast this year and the other teams that should be with him or back farther are out [of the

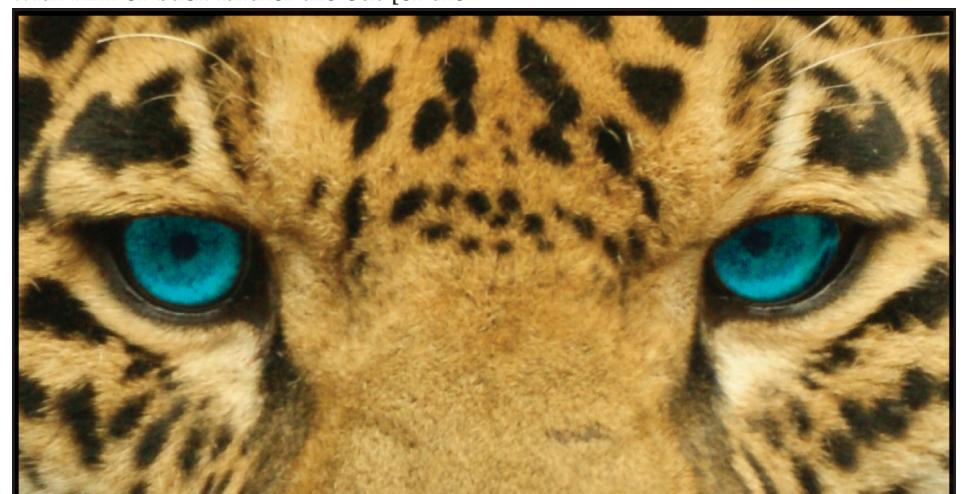
race]," said McCready. "Looking at stats the last two years, there have been many teams slower than Hank at this point that still finished."

And of course, as a rookie, that was DeBruin's number one priority entering the competition.

She says that there is an added Haliburton segue amidst the serious business of getting to Nome.

"Some extra joy that Hank is having along the trail is delivering a package in each village checkpoint to the school children," says McCready. "Our son Dustyn's Grade 3 class each picked a checkpoint with a school, and have written letters to the children there."

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This ATVer pops a wheelie on a frozen Head Lake.



A snowmobiler trains for next season, seemingly defying gravity as he jumps the driveway at Kashaga Lodge.



A biker gets the spring itch – let's get the next round of toys out.



It takes a community to bring together the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament for Community Care. As always, Haliburton proved that when it comes to worthy causes, there is never a shortage of helping hands. Pictured here are just a sprinkling of the many volunteers responsible for making the event a success. /Photo by Terrance Gavan

COMMUNITY CARE

Tournament brings out sweaters and stars

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

At the sold out dinner for the second annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament the man of the hour stared across the room.

Scotty Morrison who makes his home here in the Highlands took some time to thank all of the people who came out to the event and then launched into a few stories.

It is, after all, what the people had come to see. You see, Scotty Morrison has, in a long and stellar NHL career, amassed quite a few stories and anecdotes.

Morrison, a member of the NHL Hall of Fame (in the builder category), is a

former NHL vice president of officiating and in 1986, he was appointed to the position of vice president, project development and president, Hockey Hall of Fame.

So Scotty Morrison comes with an impressive list of credits. But on Friday night, at the charity dinner held at the Haliburton Curling Club, he reserved the bulk of the kudos for his special guests, Mark Napier, Ron Ellis, Hall of Fame linesman Ray Scapinello and Hockey Hall of Fame curator, Phil Pritchard.

Morrison had to pause to wipe back a tear as he remembered his good friend Scapinello, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame after a long career in the NHL. Morrison hired short Scapinello over the recommendations of the league,

who wanted to foster the hiring of larger officials. Morrison, the head of officials at the time just said no and hired the scrappy "Scampy" who went on to prove that it's not the size of the man but the size of the heart that determines the true worth of an NHL arbiter.

Morrison relies on the help of these old friends to bring notoriety and donations to this tourney.

All proceeds go to Community Care Haliburton, a not-for-profit entity that supports elderly and disabled clients with home-visits, meals on wheels and other crucial support functions.

The dinner was sold out, and the tourney drew 20 teams. All a tribute to the man who wears his heart on a well-worn sleeve.

In his own opening remarks Morrison, as usual, kept the room rocking with some vintage stories. He had the room in stitches recalling the sequence of events that prompted him to become the youngest referee ever to work in the NHL.

He says he's often asked what made him decide to become a ref back in 1954.

"They ask, 'how did you become one of the youngest referees [at age 24] to work in the National Hockey League?'" says Morrison. "And I tell them, 'well, one of the greatest players to ever play the game made that decision for me.'

"I played with one of the teams in the Montreal Canadiens junior ranks, and it was the semi-finals of the Quebec Major

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'Just pester him all night'

from page 23

Junior Hockey League playoffs. We were playing the Quebec Citadelles, who were starring big number 4, Jean Beliveau. And my coach made a brilliant decision. He said, 'Scotty we want you to go on the ice when Jean goes on the ice, and get off when he comes off, and just pester him all night, because we want to keep him off the score sheet.'

Scotty was a good skater, but a diminutive, 5'7" and 160 pounds with skates and full gear. Beliveau tipped the scales at 205 pounds and stood 6'3" in sneakers.

"Well, that night I think Beliveau got a hat trick and two assists and I decided that if I'm going to be in hockey it sure as hell wasn't going to be as a player," says Morrison.

The crowd in the curling club erupts.

He's truly smitten with his gig at Community Care. Hilary Elia and Brigitte Gebauer the two Community Care workers who fostered the idea, and first approached Scotty with the idea back in 2008, are amazed at just how much he brings to the table.

Through his contacts at the Hall of Fame Scotty was able to bring the Stanley Cup to Haliburton last year. This year he again approached Pritchard, who car-

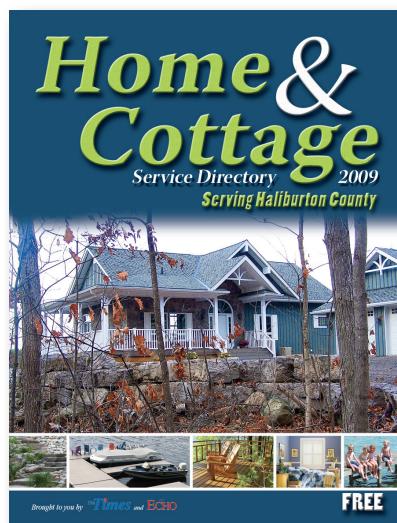
ried six original six sweaters, and four trophies (The Vezina, Art Ross, Hart and Calder) to Haliburton.

With silent auctions and donation jars available at the Minden and Dysart arenas and a charity game between the OPP and the world champion Canadian National Amputee team on Saturday evening the event will again raise thousands of dollars to a very worthy cause.



Above: Twenty teams took part in the annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey tournament held at both the Dysart and SG Nesbitt arenas last weekend. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.

On left, the Art Ross trophy, awarded each year to the NHL's leading scorer, was just one of the Hall of Fame collection of trophies and vintage sweaters on display at the Scotty Morrison charity event last weekend. Photo by Terrance Gavan.



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WRESTLING

Hal High pin personal bests and medals

Red Hawks rise to the occasion at OFSAA and Winter Games

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Prized by the ancient Greeks and Romans as the ultimate physical challenge – an exercise of will, balance and patience – wrestling has undergone an ugly transition courtesy of the loud, Luddite bellows of Vince McMahon, Randy “Macho Man” Savage and the steroid-addled meanderings of a long rude line of Venice Beach Hulk Hogan wannabees.

Thankfully, amateur wrestling of the Greco-Roman variety, with its attendant concentration on the noble art of person-to-person combat at its most esoteric level, seems to move on, oblivious and unaffected by the watered-down eccentricities of its snarling, rambunctious and dysfunctional WWE cousin.

And more power to the grassroots programs run by teachers in local schools, who continue to bring the noble sport to new generations of boys and girls.

Guys like Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) wrestling coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler for instance.

Mentors who recognize that the Greeks were on the right track when they made wrestling one of the premier units of the first Olympic Games way back in 708

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It is, after all, competition at its rawest, most fundamental form.

And under the guided tutelage of Klose and Fockler, Hal High wrestlers have flourished this season.

Klose says that all of the members of the Red Hawk wrestling team made great strides in 2010.

Eight Red Hawk wrestlers did especially well, moving on to represent Hal High on two separate provincial stages.

Christiania Walker, in her final year of school, captured the Bronze Medal at the recent OFSAA tournament. She was joined at the OFSAA tournament in Tillsonburg (March 3-5) by teammates Emma Paul and Nicole Mazara, who both placed high in their weight categories.

Hal High also had a nice cross section of wrestlers represented at the Ontario Winter Games which were held in Huntsville March 4-6.

Bailey Walker placed second, Kayla Gardiner won bronze, and Mike Mazara, Cody Cox and Maia O’Sullivan all captured fourth place finishes in the Winter Games competition.

He said that the whole team deserves kudos for their performances in both tourneys. The OFSAA tourney is a showcase for the older athletes (usually Grade 11 and

12) and the younger athletes in Grades 9 and 10 compete at the Winter Games.

Klose says that he’s also expecting some great things in the future.

“Our young wrestlers also did very well at the Winter Games,” said Klose, adding that it was a banner year for the Hal High wrestlers.

“We had our best showing ever at OFSAA and Christiana had a personal best, winning the bronze and losing only one match in the tournament,” said Klose, who was especially happy about Walker’s performance in her senior year.

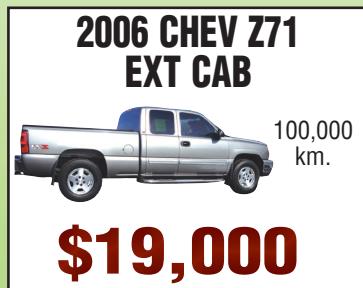
And Walker well and truly remains the leader of this team.

She went into the OFSAA tournament ranked second in the province, but said that she was bothered by a virus that cropped up during the week of the tourney. She managed to fight through the flu and lost only one match (in the semi-finals) and ending up with the all-Ontario bronze.

Walker says that while her Red Hawk career is over, she has no intention of leaving the matt wars. She intends to wrestle in university and has been offered some opportunities.

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Back Row: Dan Fockler, left, and Paul Klose. Front row Christiana Walker, left, Emma Paul, Cody Cox, Mike Mazara, Maia O'Sullivan, Kayla Gardiner and Bailey Walker. Missing from photo: Nicole Mazara. /Photo by Terrance Gavan

Walker approached by universities

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"I'm hoping to be at McMaster [University], I've been down there wrestling with their varsity team, so I've been in contact with them," said Walker, who added that she has been offered some alternatives as well. "I've been approached by McMaster, Western and Brock, so that's kinda cool."

She said that McMaster is her first choice because of the attendant scholastic choices available.

"I'd like to go into kinesiology and they [Brock] have a really good program," said Walker.

"I actually got sick a few days before OFSAA so I wasn't wrestling that well, and I wrestled as well as I could considering how I was feeling, because I couldn't breathe through my nose and that's kind of an important thing," said Walker, who wrestles in the 54-kilogram class. "I had a couple of tough matches and I lost

the one match in the semi-finals and so I had to wrestle for the bronze. I pulled it together though, and won that bronze medal match."

And she manages all this by keeping busy with some other sports and activities.

She was also captain of the Red Hawk girls' OFSAA champion snowboard team, and competes in track and basketball.

In her "spare time" she dances with Haliburton Dance Arts and works part-time at That Place in Carnarvon restaurant.

She'll soon be out running on the Haliburton track, ready for another stellar spring of competition and the looming possibility of another OFSAA appearance.

And all those top 10 finishes bode well for Hal High wrestling as they move into a new season in 2010-11.

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WORLD CURLING

Walker captures bronze in world championships

Team, including Craig Van Ymeren, Geoff Chambers, Matt Mapletuft and Mathew Camm came very close

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Minden junior curling phenom Jake Walker went to Flims, Switzerland, with a goal to win gold at the junior world curling championships.

But like any good curler, when that option was removed, he and his team went to plan B.

So, after losing a heartbreaker in Saturday's Page playoff 5-4 to the host Swiss team, Walker and his team took a night off to reset.

On Sunday, they beat China 7-1 in the bronze medal game earning the coveted world bronze.

But it didn't ease the sting of a near dance with destiny.

Walker and his team, including Craig Van Ymeren, Geoff Chambers, Matt Mapletuft and Mathew Camm (spare) couldn't have come much closer to a shot at the gold.

They finished 6-3 in the round-robin portion of the worlds behind Scotland, who were 8-1, and China and Switzerland at 7-2. Switzerland beat Scotland 7-6 on Sunday to win the gold.

On Saturday against the Swiss, Walker wrecked on

a guard on his final throw in the 10th and final end. It gave Switzerland the 5-4 win.

"It certainly was not our best game and it is disappointing that we did not raise our game at this stage," said Walker, in a *Canadian Press* story. "A lot of our game had poor execution. You don't win if you don't make shots, and this we failed to do today. It certainly wasn't our best game."

"We haven't played our best this week," Walker told

CP, after that semi-final playoff game. "We played better at nationals. We just didn't bring that type of game here."

At the same time Walker and his team were able to take some consolation, because it is, after all, quite an accomplishment just to get there. "Whatever happens we made it to the worlds and have performed to be in the top group, and we're proud of managing that," said Walker.



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ENVIRO-HEROES

Environmentalism flourishes in Haliburton County

CHAD INGRAM*Staff reporter*

The winners of last year's Enviro-Heroes awards are still busy at work ensuring that Haliburton County is a place where environmentalism, conservation and sustainability flourish.

The Enviro-Heroes awards are handed out each year by the Haliburton Land Trust during its spring gala. This year's gala will be held on May 28 and nominations will close on April 2.

Paul and Irene Heaven were last year's winners in the business category. Both trained wildlife biologists, they operate Glenside Ecological Services. Paul spends much of his time in the field conducting environmental assessments and creating forestry conservation plans for private landowners, while Irene designs and conducts ecological adventure camps for the Out to Learn program, aimed at introducing children to nature.

Last week they were busy in their home office on Horseshoe Lake Road.

Paul is currently conducting a forest plan for the Dahl forest, the 500-acre former tree farm in Gelert that the Dahl family donated to the land trust last year.

Just underway, Paul said the plan would likely take a year or so to create, because of the vast size of the property.

"We want a plan that will stand up to time," he said.

Paul said there are three species at risk on the property, those being the hognose snake, five-lined skink and milk snake.

This year Irene will again be hosting the Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp at the Kinark Outdoor Cen-

tre, the Junior Naturalists Camp at the Minden Museum and Glebe Park in Haliburton and the ever-popular Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival.

"When the kids' eyes light up as they are actually experiencing nature, like in their hands [that's my favourite part]," Irene said. "They get it."

Irene said her goal is to make it so that children aren't afraid of nature but rather, see it as something precious that needs to be protected.

For Paul, he said his work is all about discovering the true ecological complexion of the county.

"We don't have the info we need right now," he said, explaining that before proper conservation can begin, we have to know what's out there. "We just have to keep grabbing at it and putting it together."

Chris Magwood teaches sustainable building design and construction at Haliburton's Fleming College. Magwood, who designed and built Minden's R.D. Lawrence Place, was last year's winner in the education category. Since then, he and his students have worked on the Madoc Performing Arts Centre, which won an environmental engineering award, and the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre. This year they will be working with a Housing for Humanity project in Peterborough. Magwood said a new program at the college, sustainable renovations, is set to commence in the fall.

Don Benson was the winner in the stewardship category last year and is on the executive for the Mountain Lake Property Owners' Association, the Haliburton Stewardship Council and a member of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations. Benson said his lake association and the stewardship council will be continuing their efforts to naturalize the area's



Paul and Irene Heaven were named Enviro-Heroes in the business category by the Haliburton Land Trust at the trust's 2009 gala. Nominations for this year's awards close on April 2. /Photo by Chad Ingram

shorelines and said the coalition is working on compiling a steward's manual.

Other Enviro-Heroes from last year included Rosie Kadwell in the health category, Wendy Bateman in the arts and Kyla Suchovs in the youth category.

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RECREATION

Haliburton cyclists form competitive club

At long last Haliburton cyclists will be forming a cycling club with a competition focus along with recreational opportunities.

The club's first organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in room 11 of Fleming College's Haliburton campus.

For years, an informal network of local riders has met for regular group rides and to occasionally attend races, but a new generation of young riders has created a need for a club that is affiliated with the Ontario Cycling Association.

Rob Meyers, Dr. Mike Armstrong and Blake Paton are spearheading the effort to put together the club.

"We know that if we don't offer the opportunity, then kids won't develop their talents and may never adopt an active lifestyle," Armstrong said.

"This is a great area to ride, both for mountain biking and road biking, and the province has developed a great racing series for young riders, both on the road and on the trail," Meyers said.

Kids see adults on their bikes, and they want in, they want to be a part of the cycling culture. This project began when a young fellow named Ryan van Lieshout noticed the traditional Sunday morning road group ride and insisted on coming out to find out what it's about.

He kept coming out and increased his mileage and by

last season he was easily riding 30 km at a good pace.

"Last year we could tell that it was time to move forward, so I took two riders to a few races in the road series, and it was a great learning opportunity," Paton said.

"As it turns out, we had some success, too. My daughter, Betty, took third place in the provincial point standings, and Ryan had some good races and learned lots. All that came together by itself, so what could happen if we planned out a season? So this year we're going to do it right and plan a season of training and racing for the developing riders. So we'll pick the events, choose a jersey design and make a commitment to do our best."

Adult riders are welcome, too. Besides the youth opportunities, the club will also be a place for keen riders to meet and arrange training rides. There are lots of cyclists who don't necessarily want to compete, but who want to try a tour like the Tour for Kids or the Ride to Conquer Cancer, and they need group-riding experience.

The first meeting will be held to gauge the interest of the cycling community. Cyclists of all varieties are welcome, but the club will focus on road and mountain biking in its first year.

"Ultimately, the activities of the club will be defined by cyclists who come out to participate and be a part of

it. We're building from the ground up and we want to start with a good foundation," Meyers added.

The club will also gratefully accept donations of cash or equipment to channel into the youth programs it intends to build.

Those who are interested in building a more extensive network of mountain biking trails are also encouraged to attend. Youth riders should attend with a parent, if possible.

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■ COMMUNITIES IN ACTION

Active communities report out this spring

KATE HALL

Special to the Echo

Over the past six years the Communities in Action (CIA) committee has been working to plan for and promote active transportation in Minden and Haliburton. With recent funding from the Ministry of Health Promotion's Healthy Communities Fund, the CIA is involving community groups in the Healthy Active Communities Report project. The goal of this project is to continue to raise awareness about the benefits of creating healthy, active communities, and to report on the

progress in the county toward achieving this vision. So many groups and individuals do so much in our community, and this project is a way to acknowledge all of the efforts and energy that they contribute!

The project includes groups whose work and activities build community capacity in the areas of physical activity and healthy eating by addressing the physical and social factors for creating a healthy active community. This work contributes to our ability as individuals to make healthy choices in our daily lives.

The project has four main components:

- Distribution of a survey and collection of information

- Reporting on the findings of the survey through the report

- Promotion of the benefits of creating healthy, active communities

- A community forum to recognize and celebrate successes

More than 30 organizations and community groups have participated in the survey, and we are currently organizing the information to include in the report. The report will be printed and distributed by mail to residents throughout the county later this spring, so stay tuned to find out what groups in your community are doing to create a healthy active Haliburton County!

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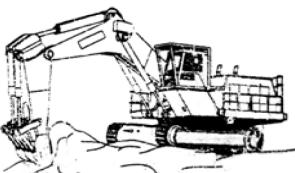
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WOMEN'S HEALTH

Make the right call

No doctor? No problem, as health unit offers cervical cancer screening for women

Women without a family doctor still have an option when it comes to being screened for cervical cancer.

This spring, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is providing free Pap tests for women in Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes who do not have a physician. The tests will be provided at the Health Unit's sexual health clinics in Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, Cobourg, Port Hope, Brighton and Haliburton. To book an appointment for a Pap test with a female nurse in their community, women can call the Health Unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 205.

Local women who have a health care provider are also encouraged to book a regular Pap test. Any woman

who is or has ever been sexually active should get one, says a local nurse.

"A regular Pap test is important for protecting a woman's health because it is an effective screening tool for cancer," says Denise Smith, a sexual health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit.

A Pap test can find abnormal cells in a woman's cervix before they turn into cancer. If cervical cancer is detected, it can be treated effectively and immediately, Smith adds.

"Cervical cancer is preventable, and that is why women should be screened," she notes. "Pap tests save lives...it's that simple."

According to Cancer Care Ontario, approximately 10

women in Ontario are diagnosed with cervical cancer each week, while three women will die in that timespan. According to a Health Unit report, cervical cancer is the eighth most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Smith advises women to get a Pap test every year until they have three consecutive normal tests. If this occurs, cervical screening can then be done every two or three years. Women over age 70 should consult with a health-care provider to see if they still need Pap tests, she adds.

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'It's huge for me to even be in their speech'

from page 1

Boylan, "I just got tired of it what with the economy the way it was."

Ready for a new challenge and possibly a new career, Boylan moved his family up to Haliburton County where his wife's parents were residing in Gooderham.

Once here he decided he wanted to go back to school and was able to connect with Sharon Bray through the Fleming College employment resource centre in Haliburton.

"I started to look at courses and decided to do the culinary management program," says Boylan. "I had owned my own business before and had always wanted to be a chef so I thought it tied in together nicely."

Bray, who acted as his officer throughout his decision to go back to school, was the one who introduced him to the Ontario Second Career program before it was even officially announced.

"She and I were the first people ever to see the documentation about the program," says Boylan.

"There were about 60 pages for us to go through and fill out. That has since changed."

Upon acceptance into the program, the initiative afforded Boylan the opportunity to go back to school without having to worry about the costs, as it funds mature students who return to college for retraining after a layoff.

Many more students, 26,000 to be exact, have since entered the program hoping for the same shot at a second career.

"They're looking for people with different situations," he says about the program's application criteria. "They end up covering all of your tuition including books. They also give you a weekly living allowance and it's all a grant, meaning you don't ever have to pay it back."



Gooderham resident Jason Boylan, left, was asked to attend the throne speech last week by Premier Dalton McGuinty, since he's the first ever Second Career student in Ontario.

Once involved with the program Boylan became more than just a mature student; he became an ambassador for the initiative and for those looking to follow in his footsteps.

On March 8, Boylan was on-hand in the gallery at Queen's Park where history was made as he was congratulated during the provincial speech from the throne. The official transcript from the speech reads, "Ontario's Second Career program is a first for Canada because it supports up to two years of long-term training. For people like Jason Boylan – one of the first participants in the program – Second Career has made a real, positive difference....Jason graduates in a few weeks and has several good job offers on the table.

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With a seat right on the floor next to McGuinty's wife, for Boylan it was an experience he will never forget.

"Premier Dalton McGuinty called me on the phone and asked me to attend the throne speech himself," says Boylan. "He said 'I want you to be there.'"

Boylan didn't know specifically why his presence was wanted but was not disappointed by the outcome.

"I had to stand up in front of the whole legislature and introduce myself," he says. "I mean it's huge for me to even be in their speech. That will go down in Canadian history. After the speech I also had the opportunity to attend the governor's ball."

Boylan is now just six weeks shy of his graduation date and is both excited and optimistic about the opportunities that lie ahead.

"The government has asked me moving forward if I would continue to help them out with this program," says Boylan. "I received about 1,500 emails related to this experience I've gone through. I've always got people calling me about the program. I'm always open if people have questions. I have people ask me 'how is your life going with this.'"

The answer, says Boylan, is simple.

"When I lost my job I didn't know what I was going to do. All I could think was 'I have two kids,' and I was afraid to go back to school. Fortunately I have a very supportive wife who has been with me throughout this entire process and now I know it's going to pay off."

With a heart for his family and his community, Boylan is ready for the next challenge life throws his way.

"I already have some interest from employers in the community," says Boylan. "I would like to work here long term, this is where I want to be. Hopefully someone wants to hire me."

For Boylan, the future is bright.

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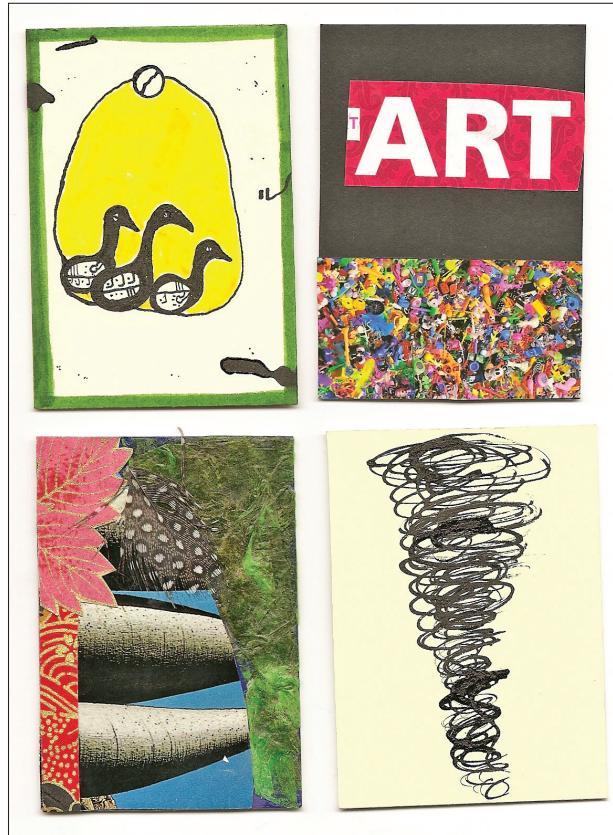
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NOTICE

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2010/11 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

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Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

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Municipality of Dysart et al



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The amendments pertain to the following fees:

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Any person wanting to comment on the proposed fees are invited to make a written submission to the undersigned by March 31st, 2010.

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HHHS is privileged to have an outstanding team of health professionals and modern facilities. Challenges persist in attracting new staff, meeting the needs of our aging population and, anticipating and planning for the future.

The HHHS board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community. All property owners in Haliburton County are welcome to apply. HHHS is particularly interested in hearing from people with knowledge and interest in any of the following areas:

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Valerie Smith
Chairperson

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WILBERFORCE LEGION

Students wow judges with speeches

MEL SMITH

Wilberforce Legion Branch 624

Once again this year, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624, Wilberforce, was very pleased to welcome the students of Wilberforce Elementary School to take part in the Royal Canadian Legion's Public Speaking Contest.

The children were divided into two categories Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6 and there were a total of 22 students who participated on March 11 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Youth education officer, Valerie Smith was very pleased with the number of students who participated and the calibre of the students' speeches.

The contest is part of the Legion's youth and education program, and it is meant to give young people an opportunity to speak in public.

Each individual has the opportunity to choose their own subject matter for the address. Topics covered everything from sleep, earthquakes, family pets, gold medalists, hockey, sisters and so many more informative and interesting topics.

The criterion the students must meet is very demanding however; the young people met it and took the contest to a very high level of excellence. The judges were extremely challenged when trying to rank the students.

Many observers felt they had learned a great deal from the students and Susie Cachia's astonishing auto biography on being born with Charge Syndrome deeply touched everyone. Susie's story was based on her own life – being born with a genetic disorder known as Charge Syndrome. She spoke of her struggles to overcome nasal defects, ear abnormalities, deafness and how through the perseverance of her mom, therapy, education, teachers, caregivers and technology she has become the independent little 12-year-old who is now "in charge" of her life today.

Grades 1-3 contestants were as follows: Brooke Billings did an excellent presentation on various languages; Desi Davies paid a very admirable tribute to his sister, Taylor; Kadie Raimey spoke about her dog Shadow; Charles Whitehead brought us all up to speed on tabby cats; Evan Cachia paid very heart warming, homage to his special sister Susie; Taylor Donaldson introduced us to his favourite WWE superstar Rey Mysterio; Emilee Straker informed us about the devastating affects of tornados; Sydney Little spoke about donkeys.

Grades 4-6 contestants were as follows: Kelsey Maracle brought us hockey and given her love of playing hockey; Cole Finlay kept everyone in stitches with a humorous account of his pet cat; Carmen Galea gave a very well documented account on earthquakes; Jade McCartney spoke on her favourite Vancouver Olympic gold medalists Maelle Ricker and Alexandre Bilodeau; Drew Deterling also spoke of the Olympics while telling about this favourite gold medalist Alexander Ovechkin; Eryn Solmes told about her trip to the Netherlands; Taylor Davies kept us awake with her information on understanding the basics of sleep; Keisha Marie Hughes spoke about her fascination with horses; Cody Lampman gave an in-depth description of the game of pokemon; Melinda Meharrie spoke of animal care; Ethan Evans spoke about frogs; Jason Wood took us to that fantasy world of Peter Pan.

First place winners Kelsey Maracle and Brooke Billings will advance to the Zone F-5 Public Speaking competition to be held on Saturday, 27 March at Branch 581, Coe Hill. Grades 1, 2, and 3 to register at 9:30 a.m. and will speak at

HALIBURTON LEGION

Drop by for St. Patrick's Day lunch

community news

legion br. 129

Ethel Galvin
457-2571

Spring is in the air and it won't be long before the elections which will be on Thursday, May 13 please mark that date on your calendars now and plan on

10 a.m. Grades 4, 5, and 6 to register at noon to 12:45 and to speak at 1 p.m.

Thanks extended to the staff of Wilberforce E.S. and parents who helped the children prepare for the competition. Special thanks is also extended to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends who came out to hear the children speak and give them their support by just being there for the children.

Big thanks is extended to our special guest, MPP Rick Johnson who lent his expertise and performed the duty of scrutineer. Thanks also to time keepers Merle Clark and Mel Smith; to our four judges, Highlands East Bylaw Officer Terry Graham; Highlands East CAO/Treasurer, Sharon Stoughton Craig; Jan Simon and Joan Barton and to Valerie Smith, youth education officer for Branch 624 for organizing this event. A very big thanks is extended to Highlands East Council for offering the Lloyd Watson Centre as the venue for the contest. All students who took part in the public speaking contest will be presented a framed certificate.

A free Income tax service will be available at the Legion every Wednesday until April 21 from 1-3 p.m., available to all Legion members, seniors and individuals with incomes amounting to less than \$30,000. We thank Marlene Watson for being on hand to assist with this service.

On Saturday, April 10, make plans to join in with fellow fisherpersons for the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624, Wilberforce Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Fishing Derby. MNR Rules will apply. \$15 entry. Please call Legion for more details 448 2221. All are welcome!

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Meat draws are open to the public and are held every Friday from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Easter draw will be on March 26.

On St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17, a luncheon will be prepared and served at the Legion by the Ladies Auxiliary from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Proceeds to go to the branch. The cost is only \$7.50 per person and will include, beef stew, biscuits, dessert, and tea or coffee.

Bingo is held every Wednesday night. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Regular jackpots are \$400. The next \$1,000 jackpot game will be on March 31. There is an urgent need for more bingo helpers. If you can spare even one hour from 6 to 7 p.m. on a Wednesday it would be greatly appreciated. The continuance of weekly bingos could be in jeopardy.

There is now bid euchre taking place at the Legion on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Beginners are welcome and the cost is only \$2. For more information phone Laura Bannon at 457-1673.

There are also darts taking place on Tuesday evenings, and more players are welcome.

Our Haliburton dart teams that placed at zone level and advanced to district level, which was held in Bay Ridges, played well and although they didn't place they had a great time.

At this time I still can't announce any Sunday brunches but please listen to the local radio stations for updates. Volunteers are still needed. It is not a requirement to be a Legion member.

We are always open to suggestions and constructive criticism but we do not feel obligated to listen to phone-in complaints from persons who will not identify themselves.

The next Ladies' Auxiliary general meeting is Thursday, March 25 at 1 p.m.

The ladies' cribbage team placed at zone level and went to district level on March 14.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are suffering either in health or spirit.

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*community news***west guilford***Eleanor Cooper
754-2278*

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The Art Hive is hosting a variety of workshops March 15 through 19. Call in or phone 754-0021 to participate.

From the Barry Line, Ruth Cooper reports that Garry's daughter Sally and her partner Daniel have adopted two daughters: Raven and Isis, making a total of

seven grandchildren for that branch of the Cooper family.

Ruth adds that her son, Andre Poole, was married to Lori Short in September, 2009, in Jamaica.

Congratulations on both these events.

High scores at euchre last Tuesday night were Margaret Ross and Robert McIvor; low scores to Kay Morrison and Harold Ross; and most lone hands to Barbara Brownsberger and Ray Sisson. Sandy Poulton, Ann McIvor and Harold Ross received special prizes.

Thirty-three men attended the men's breakfast at the local Baptist Church on March 13. The speaker was Gary Swagerman of the Eagle Lake Community Church.

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WILBERFORCE

Alfretta O'Rourke celebrates birthday with family and friends

*community news***wilberforce***Hilda Clark
448-2018*

To celebrate the 90th birthday of Alfretta O'Rourke, members of her family and many friends gathered at her home in Wilberforce on Sunday afternoon, March 14. Alfretta graciously welcomed her well-wishers and enjoyed interacting with everyone.

Guests attended from across Canada, from Nova Scotia to Vancouver and including Whitby, Unionville, Belleville and of course Wilberforce and area. The party was very much a family reunion as well with daughters Anita, Loraine and Maureen, sons Gord and Keith and sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, nieces and nephews among family members there to celebrate this special birthday. Well represented were clergy and members of the Wilberforce United Church, the Ladies Auxiliary of branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.

Dave Burton, reeve and county warden, presented Alfretta with certificates of congratulations and best wishes from the municipality of Highlands East and the county of Haliburton. He spoke of her contributions to the community since her retirement and wished her a happy healthy future. Alfretta responded, thanking everyone for celebrating with her. One of her suggestions, directed especially at the younger folk, was the importance of dedication and hard work in achieving success and happiness in life.

Of special interest were two sets of photographs displaying aspects of the 90 years of Alfretta's life on laptop computers. They reminded viewers of a life of hard work, dedication to family and career, community involvement and travel adventures. They too gave glimpses of a fashion-conscious woman with creative talents and an eye for beauty whether in gardens of glorious colours, a well-crafted wall hanging depicting

local lore. A finely finished quilt, a well upholstered chair or a grand outcropping of granite. Thanks Anita and family for this fine way of saluting your mother's life.

Guests enjoyed delicious, delightfully presented refreshments during the party. A highlight was the cutting of an elegantly decorated two tier cake. The birthday lady had no difficulty blowing out the candles as "Happy Birthday" was sung. Best wishes for many more happy healthy years, Alfretta.

Mrs. O'Rourke will celebrate on her actual birthdate, March 16, dining with some of her immediate family.

Special music was part of the morning worship service at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday March 14. The prelude was a trombone solo "A New Beginning" by young musician Brady Nisbet. Brady is the grandson of Colleen Ward. The gospel lesson was followed by a piano solo by Diane Globe, a niece of Alfretta O'Rourke. She played from Schumann's "Scenes From Childhood." Later in the service 14-year-old Kate MacDonald played two violin compositions, "Ave Maria" and "Polish Dances." She was accompanied on piano by her aunt, Carole Beeforth. Kate felt these pieces reflected both the serious and the fun-loving sides of her grandmother Alfretta in whose honour she played them.

With two days of quilting bees last week much was accomplished on the quilt the Heritage Guild will be raffling. Quilters are still needed to help finish the last half of this pretty coverlet.

On St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17, Irish Stew will be featured for lunch at the Wilberforce United Church beginning at 11:30 a.m.

We hear that parents, grandparents and children had a lot of fun at a special bonspiel at the Wilberforce Curling Club on Saturday, March 13.

Attending Swan Lake by the National Ballet of Canada was a great way to celebrate another birthday. That classic work really packed the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts last Saturday and likely will all next week. What talented dancers and musicians!

Coming Events

Highlands Little Theatre Annual General Meeting

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community calendar

What's happening in the County



**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or
to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca**

- March 16: GriefShare Support Group - Join us for from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew and Biscuit Dinner at the Minden United Church - Join us for Beef Stew, Biscuits, Coleslaw and Pie. From 5:00 -7:00 pm. Adults \$12, children 6-12 yrs \$5, Pre-schoolers FREE. \$30 for family of four or more. Tickets available at the Minden Pharmasave in advance, or at the door, or by calling 286-2136 or 457-1424. Come and join us for an evening of food and fellowship.
- March 17: Haliburton County's New Toastmaster Club - Meets Wednesday's at 7 pm downstairs in the Lindsay Room at the Pinesstone Resort. Learn a wide assortment of leadership skills. Guests and new members wanted just arrive.
- March 17: Horse-Before-The-Cart Writters Group - Meets at Lawrence Place at 2 pm. Every level and writing area welcome. Call 489-3661.
- March 18: Canadian Federation of University Women-Haliburton Highlands invites members and potential members to its monthly general meeting at 7:00 p.m. - Join us at Fleming College. Guest speaker: Melissa Stephens about how to get involved in theatre and the arts in our area.
- March 18: OEYC Play and Learn visit at the Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce - If you live in the Wilberforce area and have children ages 0-6, join us for Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Centre on the first and third Thursday of the month. For more information call 286-1770 or 457-2989.
- March 22: Come and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing Monday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 - 8:00 pm, children and parents climb together. Youth and Adults 8:00 - 9:00 pm. \$2 per person. Everyone welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18. Sponsored by Point In Time. For more information call Donna at Point in Time 457-5345 ext 314 or emaildonna@pointintime.ca
- March 23: GriefShare Support Group - Join us for from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.
- March 24: Haliburton County's New Toastmaster Club - Meets Wednesday's at 7 pm downstairs in the Lindsay Room at the Pinesstone Resort. Learn a wide assortment of leadership skills. Guests and new members wanted just arrive.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR MARCH BREAK ART ACTIVITIES
Are you looking for children's activities during March break? Pottery, drawing, jewelry, supersonic storytelling, paper maché, and hula hoop building are a few of the activities offered by talented local instructors. To learn more about these creative, fun workshops contact the Cultural Centre in Minden, the Art Hive in Stanhope, and the Rail's End Gallery in Haliburton. Funding is available through Sissy's Love Connection, a fund established to recognize the contributions of Janice Crawford, a Haliburton County resident who died in Oct. 2008 from cancer. Applications are due Friday March 12. All families with a maximum annual income of \$45,000 are eligible for assistance. Call Sharon Harrison for details. 286 1940 or email dancingwildflower@sympatico.ca

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.
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Complete details and applications can be downloaded and printed directly from the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org. Use the following link to the application: [Rotary International](http://www.rotary.org):
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Anson Reesor
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children, Emily, Brandon and Amy
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Deaths

Doubt, Susan - (LCBO - Duke of Somerset) Peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday March 7th, 2010 at the age of 44 years. Beloved wife of John Doubt. Loving step-mother of Sarah (Ian Stewart), Kathryn and Christopher. Cherished daughter of Lorrie and Jack Saville. Dear sister of David (Patricia) and John (Cory). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Family visitation was held Thursday March 11th, 2010 in Ottawa. In memoriam donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. Kelly Funeral Home, Orleans Chapel, 613-837-2370

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SHARPLESS, Lorena (nee Currah) - Passed away peacefully at the Woods Park Care Centre, Barrie on Friday, March 12, 2010- in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Gordon Sharpless; dear mother of Marilyn (Don), Sheila, Tim (Kim), and Andy (Nelda); and sister to Ken. Lorena will be remembered as a loving grandmother of nine and great grandmother of three. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden: on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2:00 pm. There will be a spring interment at Gelert Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Gideon Bibles or to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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THANK YOU

Mary Little-Goldsmith (nee Hughes)
1922-2010

We the family of the late Mary Goldsmith, would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness and caring support we received from our many friends and family members during this difficult time.

A special thank you to the many staff members who, together, helped to make Hyland Crest a place Mary called home for nine years. A special thank you to Judy and Janet for all the extra care you provided—we can't begin to express how much it meant to us all and to Mary. Thank you to Monk's Funeral Home for helping us through all that had to be done in the least taxing manner. Thanks also to Anne from Campbell's for helping us coordinate the beautiful flowers. A heartfelt thank you to Reverend Max Ward for your kind and gentle words both before and during the service. A big thank you to the Minden United Church Ladies for putting on such a lovely luncheon. Thanks to all those who generously donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and to those who donated to charities of their choice, in memory of Mary.

Mary will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched, but she will live on in our hearts forever.

Thank you to all, Dwight, Colleen, Kevin, Kelly, Arthur, Karen & families.

In memoriam

In loving memory of a wonderful mom

Betty Wise

Thinking of you Mom

Thinking of you

Night and day

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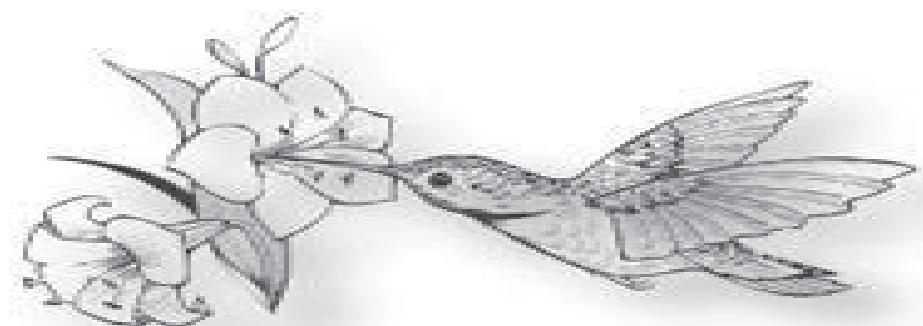
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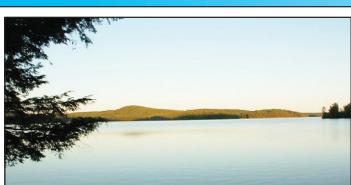
Stone and brick home. Ideal location for a contractor or home business. Large driveway and parking area, heated dbl att'd garage with workshop, plus additional single att'd garage. Several storage buildings. 2 plus 1 bedroom, 5 baths, 2 offices, woodstove, fireplace, FAO heat. Cozy home! **\$239,900**

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